

August 2005
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT



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Overview

During the month of August, the Central Command experienced a 16.9% increase in the total number of crashes when compared to July, with 22 more crashes being investigated. This increase can be attributed to property damage crashes where a 49.3% increase occurred. Injury crashes declined by 10.0%, as did fatal crashes by 88.9%. The decline in fatal crashes is good news when compared to both June and July where a total of 17 fatal crashes occurred as compared to just one in August.

Overall enforcement activity increased by 5.8% when compared to July. For the second straight month the Central Command cracked the 4,000 total violation mark since the "SafeStat" program began. The most notable increase was in total persons arrested of 67.9% and other arrests of 51.7%. When compared to the same reporting period the previous year, again the command experienced an outstanding month with substantial increases occurring in every category. There were increases in the total violation category of 56.4%, occupant restraint category of 58.3%, speed violation category of 53.4% and total persons arrested category of 71.2% to name a few.

The Commercial Enforcement Section showed an increase in the inspections of commercial vehicles and drivers of 50.5% during August. Along with the increase in the total number of inspections came a corresponding increase in the number of violations, total citations increased by 37.9% and repair orders increased by 63.2%. There was also a substantial increase in the number of commercial vehicles being weighed in August, 621 as compared to July's 260 which led to a 128.6% increase in overweight citations.

Traffic personnel conducted 370 level 3 inspections in August, finding 511 violations and placing 35 drivers out of service. This program continues to provide outstanding results in an all out attempt to reduce the number of commercial vehicle crashes in the Central Command.

The Communication Center showed a slight decrease of .1% in the number of radio transmissions, a 2.8% increase in CAD incidents generated and a 14.6% decrease in telephone calls in August.

The Central Command has continued its efforts to make the highways safer for the motoring public and improve in the area of public service. Again, I commend all of the personnel for their efforts during the month and thank them for a job well done.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	August-05	August -04	% Change	July-05	% Change
Total Crashes	152	121	25.6%	130	16.9%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	106	77	37.7%	71	49.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	45	38	18.4%	50	-10.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	6	-83.3%	9	-88.9%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	8	2	300.0%	7	14.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	6	-83.3%	14	-92.9%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	2	-50.0%	4	-75.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	3	-300.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	3	-300.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0	3	-300.0%	3	-300.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	26	28	-7.1%	23	13.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	24	25	-4.0%	14	71.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	3	-33.3%	8	-75.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.3%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 17.1%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ☒ There were 22 more crashes in August as compared to July. Property damage crashes increased by 49.3% while injury crashes declined by 10%, as did fatal crashes by over 88%. The increase in property damage accidents was partially attributable to animal related crashes which increased by 23% when compared to the previous month.
- ☒ During August there were 8 crashes involving impaired drivers. The average BAC for those results known is .16.
- ☒ There were three additional crashes involving commercial vehicles in August as compared to July. Of the 26 crashes involving commercial vehicles 14 or 53.8% were the fault of the commercial driver. Of the 26 crashes, 7 occurred on I-80 and 19 on secondary highways.
- ☒ The command investigated only one fatal crash during August. The single vehicle roll over crash claimed the life of a single unrestrained passenger.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

	August-05	August-04	% Change	July-05	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	8	2	300.0%	7	14.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	22	20	10.0%	15	46.7%
Other Arrests	182	94	93.6%	120	51.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	89	52	71.2%	53	67.9%
Speed violations	2530	1649	53.4%	2576	-1.8%
Hazardous moving violations	255	207	23.2%	228	11.8%
Occupant restraint violations *	364	230	58.3%	373	-2.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	4285	2739	56.4%	4050	5.8%
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	42	44	-4.5%	49	-14.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	25	15	66.7%	23	8.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	700	655	6.9%	465	50.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	4	0	400.0%	0	400.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	182	144	26.4%	132	37.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1296	1182	9.6%	794	63.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	69	60	15.0%	39	76.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	23	30	-23.3%	20	15.0%
Total school buses inspected	0	1	-100.0%	63	-6300.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%	18	-1800.0%
Total trucks weighed	621	344	80.5%	260	138.8%
Total overweight citations	32	4	700.0%	14	128.6%
Total dyed fuel inspections	648	639	1.4%	451	43.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	2	-200.0%

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
August-05	370	141	511	35	273	0
July-05	326	152	532	28	270	1
% Change	13.5%	-7.2%	-3.9%	25.0%	1.1%	100.0%

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August-05	370	141	511	35	273	0
August-04	151	98	170	12	41	0
% Change	145.0%	43.9%	200.6%	191.7%	565.9%	100.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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Overall activity increased by 5.8%. This is the second month in a row that Central Command has exceeded 4,000 total violations. Speed violations declined slightly by 1.8%. Hazardous moving violations increased by 11.8%, and occupant restraint citations decreased by 11 or 2.4%.

Arrests for impaired driving prior to a crash increased by 7 or 46.7%. The average BAC for arrests in August was .17.

Inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers conducted by commercial operations personnel increased by over 50%. Along with the inspections came a corresponding increase in the number of violations discovered as well as an increase in the number of vehicles and drivers placed "out of service."

There was a substantial increase in the number of commercial vehicles weighed in August, 621 as compared to July's 260. This also led to a 128% increase in overweight citations issued.

During August, traffic operation personnel conducted 370 Level 3 inspections. This resulted in the discovery of 511 violations, 141 citations issued, and 35 drivers placed "out of service."

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	August-05	August-04	% Change	July-05	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	88,159	75,222	17.2%	88,237	-0.1%
CAD incidents	11,822	8,584	37.7%	11,497	2.8%
Telephone Calls	13,607	n/a	1360700.0%	15,930	-14.6%
Call Box Incidents	40	n/a	4000.0%	73	-45.2%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	147	99	48.5%	125	17.6%
Arrest Reports Processed	78	42	85.7%	57	36.8%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	5	10	-50.0%	15	-66.7%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	332	n/a	33200.0%	399	-16.8%
Warrants Entered	151	87	73.6%	164	-7.9%
Warrants Cleared	205	152	34.9%	146	40.4%
Warrants Validated	1749	1252	39.7%	2707	-35.4%
Extradition / Transports	14	n/a	1400.0%	4	250.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	9	27	-66.7%	18	-50.0%
New Items Submitted	49	119	-58.8%	38	28.9%
Items Disposed	112	6	1766.7%	173	-35.3%

Contract Service overtime for August was 21 escorts for 825 hours totalling \$47,768.

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The communications center had a slight decrease in the number of radio transmissions in August, but CAD incidents increased by 2.8%.

The front office processed more accident and arrest reports during August. However, incident/officer report processed declined by 66%.

There was a 16% decrease in the number of warrants received, and a 7.9% decrease in warrants entered. Warrants cleared increased by over 40% while warrants validated declined by 35%.

There was a 50% decline in the number of new cases submitted to the evidence vault. There were only 49 items submitted with the 9 new cases. Items disposed declined by 35% during August.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

PIO Gonzalez participated in hosting the National Information Officer Association (NIOA) Conference in Reno.

Three driver safety program sessions were held at Barrick Goldstrike Mine during August. Over 250 students attended the three training classes.

A child seat checkpoint was held in conjunction with the grand opening of Elko's new Super Wal-Mart. During the checkpoint, 33 seats were inspected.

PIO Gonzalez participated in instructing an alcohol and drug program at the request of the Elko Juvenile Probation Department. Twelve students attended the program.

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